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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of December 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

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1. (Amended) A dual leading-shoe brake system comprising a backing plate, first and second actuating levers arranged for radial movement and first and second brake shoes, each brake shoe engaging a respective one of said actuating levers such that said actuating levers urge said brake shoes radially outward during braking operation, a first anchor fixed to said backing plate and engaging first ends of said actuating levers and adapted to engage a first end of a said brake shoe during braking, a second anchor adapted to engage a second end of a said brake shoe during braking, and an activating element engaging second ends of said levers and adapted to urge said levers apart during braking.
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